

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 637

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mrs. Mary Ellen Trimble of Tullahoma on being named "Mrs. Democrat" by the Highland Rim Democratic Club.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to commend those individuals whose energy and enthusiasm bring vigor and excitement to the political process of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mary Ellen Trimble of Tullahoma in Coffee County is one such dedicated local political activist who, throughout her life, wherever she lived, has embraced the political process through her recognition of the necessity of citizen involvement and her own personal participation; and

WHEREAS, born, reared, and educated in DeQueen, a small town in southwestern Arkansas, Mary Ellen married James L. Trimble and raised two sons and a daughter; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Trimble's husband was a cousin of Congressman Jim Trimble, a 22-year veteran representing the Third District of Arkansas and a member of the House Rules Committee; James was employed for 33 years in construction with American Bridge Division of US Steel, and his work required frequent family moves; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Trimble eagerly sought out opportunities to involve herself in political efforts on behalf of the Democratic Party wherever the family was located; she worked for Richard Daley's election as Mayor of Chicago and as a member of the Democratic Women's Club in Pasadena, Texas, she participated in preparation of a big rally for Hubert Humphrey at the Astrodome attended by President Johnson, and worked hard in the Humphrey campaign. She met and shook hands with President Kennedy in Cheyenne, Wyoming, a short time before he went to Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Trimble came to Coffee County when American Bridge sent her husband there as part of a consortium to construct the Aeropropulsion Systems Test Facility at the Arnold Engineering Development Center in 1978; when Mr. Trimble retired, the couple decided to stay in Coffee County, an area they had come to love; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Trimble is an important part of her community, serving the Democratic Party and the people of Coffee County in numerous capacities; she is an active and enthusiastic member of the Coffee County Democratic Women's Club and the Tennessee Chapter of the National Federation of Democratic Women; and

WHEREAS, each year Mrs. Trimble and fellow club member Liz Allen work at the Coffee County Democratic Women's Club booth at the Coffee County Fair registering Democrats; during election years she helps establish and staff a democratic headquarters and contributes her time and efforts in support of democratic candidates; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Trimble is already looking forward to rallying her fellow Democrats in this year's Presidential election and is heartened that the family tradition of political activism is being taken up by Ryan Woodward, one of her grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Trimble's sterling record of unstinting dedication and support of her party and her community and her ongoing commitment to the welfare of her fellow human beings are worthy of commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Mary Ellen Trimble of Coffee County upon being named "Mrs. Democrat" by the Highland Rim Democratic Club, thank her for her commitment to a vital political life for all Tennesseans, and wish her every success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.